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**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON**

8 December 1947

**MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, AIR INTELLIGENCE DIVISION:**

**SUBJECT: Comments on CIA Report on "Civil Aviation"**

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*Comments made*  
1. The CIA publication, "Civil Aviation," a study of government policies and procedures in eleven foreign countries, includes materials on Soviet civil operations prepared in OAB. Data on the ten other coun-

2. The entire publication appears to be an excellent summation of available information concerning major foreign civil air policies and should prove to be a valuable source of reference in the Air Intelligence Division.

3. Most of the civil air data on the U.S.S.R. contained in the report was quoted directly from the study prepared in OAB, although some additional materials have been included from other sources. While no general criticism of the U.S.S.R. section is considered necessary, the following specific comments and suggested changes are made:

a. Page 2, Par (c), line 10: The postwar readjustment of Soviet transport aircraft production would hardly appear to be "government restraint on aircraft manufacturing" in the light of the fact that the U.S.S.R. has brought out three new transports, including its first two four-engine transport types, and probably has all three in production.

b. Page 2, Par (g), third sentence: In view of Soviet development of new and larger transports and expansion of foreign civil air operations in which the U.S.S.R. has not previously had experience, it would appear doubtful that the Civil Air Fleet training program has been reduced.

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d. Page 4, Par (f), line 6: The four-engine transport is the TU-29, not the TV-29.

e. Page 7, Par 1, line 21: "Oscaviakhim" should be moved to the left four spaces, since it is not subordinate to the "Main Administration of Northern Sea Routes."

f. Page 8, last par: First sentence of this paragraph should be changed to read: "Main Administration of the Soviet Navy—This body influences UGVF policy to a certain degree, but UGVF units are not known to have been subordinated to the Navy." (The "not" was inadvertently omitted from the original OAS report).

g. Page 12, first paragraph: Three lines have been omitted from this paragraph. It should read:

"Preflight inspection—All aircraft to be inspected before flight by the aircraft mechanic, technician, and crew. The flight technician to examine at least two aircraft daily, chosen at random. The regimental engineer and armament and special equipment engineer to inspect at least fifteen aircraft monthly, chosen at random."

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